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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/1/08

SPONSOR Garcia, T. LAST UPDATED _____ HB 572

SHORT TITLE Luna College Equipment For Wagon Mound SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

Public Education Department (PED)

Luna Community College (LCC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 572 appropriates \$100.0 from the general fund to the Higher Education Department for Luna Community College to provide instructional equipment for Wagon Mound Schools.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

This request was not submitted by Luna Community College to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review and is not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY09.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to LCC, Luna Community College provides Dual Credit courses for the Wagon

Mound School District students. In order to provide better educational services, Wagon Mound Schools is in need of educational equipment such as I-TV equipment, vocational equipment and regular classroom equipment. The use of this equipment will not be limited to only Dual Credit students. Regular Luna Community College students enrolling for classes in the Wagon Mound site will have access to this equipment.

LCC notes further that Wagon Mound Schools is located in a very rural community setting. It is approximately 40 miles from the Luna Community College main campus. In order to provide post secondary educational services, Distance Education is heavily relied upon. Equipment needs to be current and operable. Funding is requested to purchase equipment in order to provide students quality educational services.

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